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Fire Prevention Week - October 5-11, 2003

NFPA has announced the week of October 5-11 as Fire Prevention Week (FPW) 2003. The State Fire Marshal's Office is joining forces with fire departments, schools, and safety groups across North America to reinforce a simple, but lifesaving message during Fire Prevention Week: "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!"

At least 80% of all fire deaths typically take place in the home, so this year the focus is on home fire safety. The fire service, in planning FPW activities, should relay three important messages to their community: Homes should have working smoke alarms on every level; plan and practice a home fire drill; and, if fire strikes, get out and stay out, until the fire department says it is safe to go back inside.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and activities your department can perform, log on to the official web site www.firepreventionweek.org.



FMD Fire Investigators Announce Retirement

D/Lt. Larry Lewis and Spl/Sgt. James Curran have announced their retirement from the Michigan State Police effective August 30, 2003, after 25 years of service.

D/Lt. Larry Lewis enlisted with the State Police in 1978, graduating from the 95th Recruit School. He was first assigned as a Trooper to the Ionia Post, then as a Spl/Trooper at the Bridgeport Lab, transferring to the Fire Marshal Division in 1988.

He was promoted to Detective Lieutenant in 1995, commanding the Health Care/Corrections Unit; transferred in 1997 to the Criminal Investigation Division, returning to the Fire Marshal Division, Field Operations, in 1998 as the Region 4 Supervisor in Grand Rapids, where he served until his retirement.

As Region 4 Supervisor, Larry was responsible for the adminis-

tration and supervision of five investigators. He has been a member of various fire service organizations involved in fire safety, education and arson awareness.

Larry received a Masters in Public Education from Western Michigan University and a Juris Doctor from Cooley Law School in 1999. He plans to practice law upon his retirement.

Larry currently lives in Portland with his wife, Glenda, and son, Andrew.

The Fire Marshal Division wishes Larry and Glenda all the best in their future endeavors.

Spl/Sgt. Jim Curran enlisted with the Michigan State Police in 1978, graduating from the 95th Recruit School. He was first assigned to the Erie Post, and served at the Detroit Freeway, White Pigeon, and Niles Posts



Lt. Larry Lewis



Sgt. James Curran

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Fire Deaths

Fire Deaths Reported in August 2003

Name	Age	Sex	Date of Fire	Cause of Fire	Responding Fire Dept	Cause of Death	Smoke Detector Present	Smoke Detector Operational
Mittlestat, R.	52	F	07/17/03	undetermined	Newberry/4801	smoke inhalation	no	NA

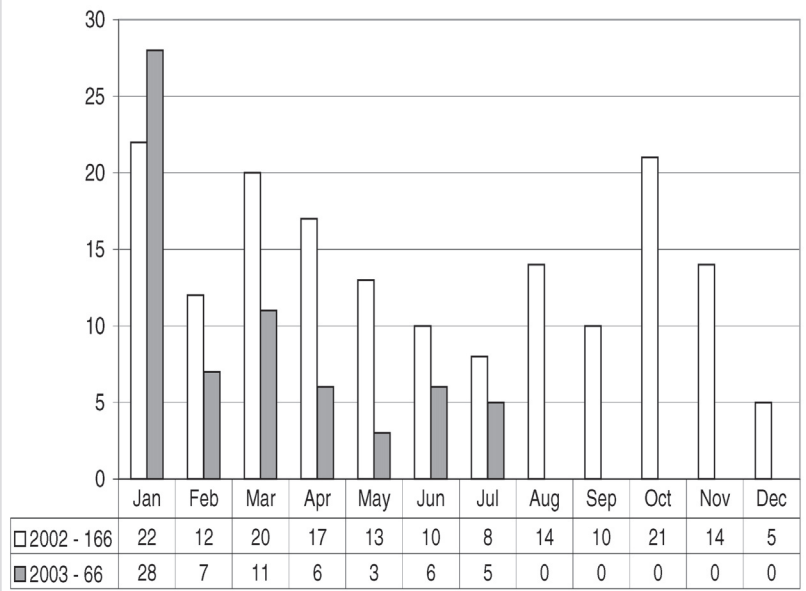
Send fire death information to Mary Nemeth at nemethm@michigan.gov or by fax to 517.322.2908

Fire Fact of the Month

In 2002, a total of 97 firefighters were fatally injured while on duty. Of these, 30 were career, 50 were volunteer, and 17 were non-municipal (those not employed by local, public fire departments).

Source: NFPA

Fire Deaths by Month Two-Year Comparison



Zippotricks.com – The Finale

(Editor's note) Last June, we issued a fire safety alert regarding a web site called zippotricks.com. Last month, we updated you on our quest to have this web site shut down, with responses from Zippo and the National Fire Protection Association. We are happy to announce that our concerns were finally recognized and our goal attained. The following is a press release from Zippo Manufacturing regarding zippotricks.com. Thank you to everyone who contacted Zippo with their concerns regarding the safety of this web site and especially Lt. Ron Mills, Flint Township Fire Department, who first brought this web site to our attention.

Effective Monday, August 25, 2003, Zippo Manufacturing Company closed the zippotricks.com web site. We took this proactive action as a result of on-going internal discussions and the expressed concerns of some in the fire safety industry.

Zippo Manufacturing Company acquired the zippotricks.com web site several months ago after discovering its existence during a worldwide trademark infringement search. This site had existed for over five years before that,

completely independent from Zippo. By taking over the site from the creator, we were able to exercise greater control over it and eliminating content we found most objectionable.

Despite our best efforts some still find the site controversial. Based on this controversy, continued internal concerns, and the inability to adequately restrict site access by individuals under the age of 16, the company has decided that Zippo should no longer be associated with this or any site that promotes tricking.

By taking this action in closing down the site, Zippo Manufacturing Company disassociates itself from any and all web sites that promote lighter tricks. If any present or future site infringes on our trademark or other legally protectable rights, we will pursue legal action.

The Zippo Hot Tour will continue as a musical tour with tour details to be announced by Zippo's marketing group in the near future. All planned tricks demonstrations have been cancelled.

FEMA Kicks Off Public Safety Campaign to Reduce Fire Deaths of Babies and Toddlers

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced on August 13 a campaign to raise awareness about the increased risk of fire death for young children and to teach parents and caregivers how they can avoid the tragedy. The campaign's message emphasizes installing smoke alarms, securing lighters and matches, and developing a fire evacuation plan under the theme: "Prepare. Practice. Prevent the Unthinkable."

"A baby or toddler under age five dies nearly every day in a residential fire," said Homeland Security Under Secretary Michael D. Brown. "These young children

have a disproportionately higher risk of fire death than the rest of the population. They depend on their parents and caregivers to keep them safe, to prevent residential fires from starting, and to increase the chances that the entire family can escape a fire quickly and safely."

From 1989 through 1998, U.S. children younger than age five were twice as likely as the rest of the population to die in a residential fire; in that decade 5,830 children died in fires in this country, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, part of FEMA and the initiator of the campaign.

"No child -not a single one- should suffer such an awful death, a death that can be

prevented by parents who take the necessary precautions," said Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. "Every parent and every caregiver with young children depending on them must take a few simple but important steps to prevent this tragedy. Even toddlers can be taught how to quickly respond in case of fire and adults need to know how they will escape with infants."

The Fire Safety Campaign for Babies and Toddlers includes four national partner organizations that have pledged to spread the message to parents and caregivers, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, ZERO TO THREE,

"No child -not a single one- should suffer such an awful death, a death that can be prevented by parents who take the necessary precautions."

Public Education

National SAFE KIDS Campaign and the National Fire Protection Association.

The campaign materials include a print public service announcement, an educational video on fire safety for babies and toddlers, posters, brochures and fact sheets. The media, parents and caregivers can access the information, in both English and Spanish, at www.usfaparents.gov or can order materials through the U.S. Fire Administration's Publications Online Catalog,

at www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/.

The U.S. Fire Administration has a mission to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies through leadership, advocacy, coordination and support. It is the federal leader in public fire education and awareness, fire service training, fire-related technology and data collection.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program, and the U.S. Fire Administration.

Even toddlers can be taught how to quickly respond in case of fire and adults need to know how they will escape with infants.

NFIRS/Non-Reporting Departments

The Fire Marshal Division of the Michigan State Police appreciates the cooperation and support of the 1,033 fire and public safety departments that provided incident data through NFIRS for the year 2002. It is this effort that makes it possible to look at the total fire experience, to identify our fire problems, and to develop

strategies to address these issues.

The Michigan Fire Prevention Code, Act 207, P.A. 1941 mandates that all organized fire departments in the state report their fire and haz mat incidents to the state fire marshal.

Michigan's statewide fire statistics are located on our

website at www.michigan.gov/msp, click on Services to Governmental Agencies, State Fire Marshal.

Listed below are 47 fire departments that **DID NOT** participate in NFIRS. Non-participation in NFIRS will effect training and federal grant requests.

<u>County</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Year Last Participated</u>
Arenac	Sterling Area FD	1998
	Omer-Arenac Township FD	1998
	Moffatt Township VFD	1999
	Barry-Prairieville-Hope FD	2001
Barry	Homestead Township FD	1999
Benzie	Weesaw Township FD	2001
Berrien	Mackinaw City FD	1999
Cheboygan	Detour VFD	2001
Chippewa	Soo Township FD	2000
	Bay Bills Reservation VFD	2000
Gladwin	Butman Township FD	2000
Houghton	South Range VFD	1999
	Bootjack FD	1998
	Boston VFD	1998
Isabella	Saginaw Chippewa Tribal FD	2000
Kalamazoo	S Kalamazoo County Fire Auth	2000
Kent	Kent City-Tyrone Township FD	1998
Lake	Yates Township FD	2000
	Webber Township FD	2000
Lapeer	Deerfield Township Fire/Rescue	2001

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NFIRS Training Issues

All fire departments filing incident reports with the USFA “Data Entry Tool” should be using NFIRS 5.0 version 5.2.3. All other versions of the USFA “Data Entry Tool” should be removed from your computer. Log on to www.nfirs.fema.gov for download instructions for version 5.2.3 or call Mary Nemeth and request the new version on a CD.

Resources – Basic Module, Field G1, Definition: The total number of fire department personnel and apparatus (suppression, EMS, other) that responded to the incident. This includes all fire and EMS personnel assigned to the incident whether they arrived at the scene or were cancelled before arrival. THIS FIELD SHOULD NOT BE USED TO IDENTIFY THE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A PARTICULAR APPARATUS SUCH AS “521” OR “89.”

Location of Incident - Basic Module, Field B. When either “Directions” or “Intersection” is selected for the location of an incident, one street name should be entered on the “Street or Highway” line, and the directions or cross street should be entered on the “Cross Street or Directions” line. If this procedure is not followed, the incident will be invalid.

The Estimated Dollar Losses & Values field (G2) should be filled out for all fires. Optional for non-fires. This figure is a rough estimation of the total loss to the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity. It should include contents damaged by fire, smoke, water, and overhaul. The dollar loss estimation helps

illustrate the magnitude of the fire problem in Michigan and identifies types of situations where high monetary losses are common. This information helps target fire prevention programs.

Cancelled enroute - If your fire department is dispatched and cancelled enroute, the Incident Type should be 611, the Arrival Time should be the same as Cleared Time, and the Incident Action Taken should be 93 (cancelled enroute).

Incident Type - Be very specific in what is entered as the Incident Type. Very seldom will you use the 100, 200, 300, and 400 “Other” as an incident type. They should only be used if no other Incident Type describes the situation. A list of Incident Types is listed in the Quick Reference Guide. You will have opportunity to describe multiple actions taken later in the report.

Aid Given - If aid is given (codes 3, 4, or 5), then only the information on the Basic module through block G1 (Resources) must be completed by the department giving aid unless a fire service casualty also occurs, then the department giving aid must also complete the Fire Service casualty module. The remainder of the Basic module and any other modules associated with the incident may be optionally completed but are not required. The information not captured by the department giving aid is captured by the department that received aid for that incident.

Small Grass Fires - Abbreviated reporting for small grass fires was a feature of the NFIRS 5.0 system that did not make it into the final release version. The Incident

Type for “small grass fire” was dropped during the process of bringing NFIRS 5.0 codes more in line with the existing NFPA 901 coding scheme. Therefore, a Fire Module always needs to be completed for a grass fire.

The Bulk Import Utility allows fire departments using third party vendor software to send their NFIRS data directly to Michigan’s partition on the federal server.

When using this tool, it is very important that all invalid incidents are corrected and revalidated. Instructions are located on the FMD website under “Statistics” or request a copy from Mary at nemethm@michigan.gov. If your department does not have Internet access at the present time, files can be mailed on a monthly basis to the state by using e-mail attachments or by mailing a disk.

For 2002 Statewide Fire Statistics and the **Michigan Fire Service Directory** log on to www.michigan.gov/msp, click on Services to Governmental Agencies, then go to State Fire Marshal.

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MFFTC MEETING SUMMARY

By Gregory Kirt, Executive Director

Members Present: The August 13, 2003, meeting of the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC) was held in Lansing at the General Office Building in Cafeteria Conference room "B." Council members present: Chairman Michael J. Burke, Vice Chair Kenneth W. Eagle, William D. Anderson, David J. Purchase, D/F/Lt. Thomas Sands, and Thad N. Taylor. Excused: Terrence H. Chesney.

Staff Present: Gregory Kirt, Executive Director; Mary Egner, Recording Secretary; and James Porcello, Programs Administrator.

Guests Present: Wayne Hanna, Ed Holtcamp, Kelly Johnston, Larry Morabito, Gary Pullen, George Scrimger, and William Sedlacek.

Governor Signs 2004 Budget:

The Governor has signed the budget bill for fiscal year 2004. Unfortunately, county training allocations were reduced from a minimum of \$5,000 per county to a minimum of \$3,000 per county for fiscal year 2004. This is a result of the down economy, which has affected all areas of local, state, and federal government.

FFI & II 2003 Test Results

Improve Significantly: For the 2002 training year, Council upgraded the FFI & II curriculum to the Essentials of Fire Fighting 4th Edition and began the use of a commercial test bank. As a result, test scores dropped and the student pass rate also dropped. In response to this problem, Council implemented new preparation requirements for instructors and restructured student homework assignments. Preliminary results in 2003 indicate that test scores and the pass rate have both improved significantly. The average test score in 2002 was 76%, and in

2003 it is 82%. The student pass rate in 2002 was 82%, and in 2003 it is 93%. Council extends their thanks to the instructors for their hard work and congratulations to the students for their improved success!

FFI & II Electronic Course Management System (ECMS):

Almost since the beginning of MFFTC training in the 1960's, course managers have complained about the paperwork that is required. With the input of numerous course managers and instructors, MFFTC staff member George Lutz has designed a new and easy to use software program that incorporates completion of the Student Activity Record and all other necessary forms. Furthermore, information is only entered once, e.g., student names, instructors, etc. The ECMS software enables the course manager to manage FFI, FFII, and FFI & II courses from concept to finish, including status reports and on screen snapshots of the course while in progress. Long range plans are to include all MFFTC courses in the new software program. Workshops are scheduled for late August in Troy, Grand Rapids, Gaylord, and Marquette. Everyone attending the seminars will receive a free CD of the new software.

Americans with Disabilities Act:

A letter of clarification was issued at the request of Dave Purchase regarding separating the final testing from the actual FFI or II class, in order to allow (*a student*) a 28 day window (*from the test date instead of the course start date*) for requesting a reader for the test only. The ADA and related court decisions disallow separating the test from a course to accommodate such requests.

MFFTC Policies Revised: At the

June 11 Council meeting, minor revisions were suggested for all Council policies which were approved by Council as first reading. During the subsequent six week comment period, additional minor clarifications were recommended for Policies 1-3, 2-1, 2-3, 2-4, and 2-8, which were reviewed and discussed during today's meeting. Council then approved the second reading of all policy revisions and gave them an effective date of August 13, 2003.

MFRI Fire Officer I & II

Courses Revised: Council approved revisions to the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute's Fire Officer I & II courses, effective September 16, 2003. The input received from students, instructors, and fire service organizations, along with the analysis by staff was the basis for the revisions. The revisions were not as substantive as originally discussed due to copyright restrictions. Although it is not possible to satisfy all concerns, it is believed the revisions made address the bulk of the concerns that were brought forth to Council. Notice of the revisions will be sent to the MFRI FO I & II instructors during August.

Evaluation of Tactical Training

Needs: Based on input received, Council recognizes the need to provide tactical training that is not included in the MFRI FO I & II courses. Council requested that staff do an evaluation of tactical training proposals brought forth to Council and prepare recommendations for Council to consider.

Instructor Applications: Council approved 34 Probationary Instructors, 13 upgrades to Certified Instructor, and one

Drivers Training Instructor.

Meeting Attendance & Activities:

The Director participated in the following: June 18-22, MIFire Service EXPO, Grand Rapids; July 17, EXPO Executive Committee, Lansing; July 24-25, U.P. Fire Chiefs Association and Tournaments, Crystal Falls; July 31, Fire Fighter Training Funding Task Force, Lansing; July 31, Eastern U.P. Fireman's Association, Trout Lake.

Michelle Fowler Accepts New Position:

Michelle Fowler, a ten year employee with the MFFTC, accepted a position with the Department of Information Technology in July. Michelle was the Testing and Certification Technician and will be missed by everyone at MFFTC. We wish her the very best in her new position. Approval has been received to backfill the position.

Public Comment: Larry Morabito, Wayne County Community College District, enthusiastically endorsed the

Electronic Course Management System. He had attended the Michigan Fire Service EXPO in June and had seen George Lutz' presentation of ECMS. While at the EXPO, he accepted the invitation extended to the workshop attendees to become one of the beta testers. He has been using the beta program since he received it and was so impressed with its capabilities that he went back to the Fire Fighter I and II course he had in progress and transferred all his course information into the newly-developed software program. Even though the software is still in the beta stage, he has found it to be a superior program. He expressed his thanks and appreciation for the time George spent developing this software and to the MFFTC for their continuing support of instructors and course managers. **Ed Holtcamp, Northern Michigan Fire Chiefs Association,** updated Council members on the progress

of the training funding bill. He reported there still is a lot of work to be done and stressed the importance of being prepared to address legislative committees and hearings.

George Scrimger, Lapeer County Firemen's Association, complimented the Training Council for what they have done for the MFRI Fire Officer program. Being an instructor, he appreciated what he heard today regarding clarifying the ICS homework assignments and providing State law references for instructors and students.

Council Comment: Vice Chair Eagle asked Director Kirt to pass on to staff his compliments for their hard work and for what they are able to accomplish in the time available.

Chairman Burke agreed with Vice Chair Eagle and also thanked staff for their hard work. Meeting adjourned.

Larry Morabito, Wayne County Community College District, enthusiastically endorsed the Electronic Course Management System.



Vehicle Extrication

By Deward Beeler, Region 3 Supervisor

Q: I have been trained by the manufacturer's representative on how to use the fire department's vehicle extrication tools. A firefighter from an area department told me that I should attend the MFFTC Vehicle Extrication course. What is covered in the Council's class?

A: Each manufacturer provides

information on their tools. You may or may not have received the information that the MFFTC course offers. The following is an overview of the course. Please review this information to determine if the course will be of benefit to you. This course does offer Emergency Medical Continuing Education Credits (please see the web site for a breakdown) and a certificate from the MFFTC. Vehicle Extrication is a 14-hour course. Day one is in the classroom. The following topics are covered: Command; Documentation; Debriefing; Safety & Safe Tool Operation; Initial Patient Assessment; Vehicle Geography & Anatomy; Terminology; Eight Step Extrication Process. Day two is hands-on. The instructor

provides demonstrations and the students are given scenarios that are critiqued. The areas covered include the following: Roof evolutions including removal & flapping (back, front, and side); Door removal evolutions including latch side and hinge side; Third door conversion; Side removal evolutions including complete fold down and front hinged; Dash evolutions including roll and lift; Interior Concepts. If you would like additional information on the topics listed above, please contact your Region Supervisor or one of the Vehicle Extrication Instructors whose contact information is listed on our web site at http://www.mfftc.org/pdf_files/course_instructors/inst_k01b.pdf

If you have questions pertaining to the programs and services provided by the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council that you would like addressed in this column, please contact your MFFTC Region Supervisor listed on the back page of *Fire TIES*. If you have a question, no doubt there are many others who probably have the same question. We look forward to hearing from you!

Note: Previous Issues & Answers columns are posted at www.mfftc.org.



MI Fire Fighters Training Council

Special Attention: FF-I and/or II and Fire Officer I or II are retained on this list based on "End Date" to allow scheduling of re-tests and FF-I and/or II challenge tests. All other courses appear on this list based on "Start Date"

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
FIRE FIGHTER – BASIC						
Fire Fighter I						
08/28/03	6:00pm	12/20/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
09/04/03	6:00pm	01/31/04	74	Avoca	Shawn Knight	248.588.3605
09/04/03	6:00pm	12/20/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
10/06/03	9:00am	12/17/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
10/06/03	6:00pm	03/06/04	22	Kingsford	Jeffrey Friedenstab	906.774.0623
10/09/03	7:00pm	02/21/04	79	Caro	Laurence Boitel	989.673.2120
01/17/04	8:00am	05/01/04	51	Arcadia	Michael Cederholm	231.946.4593

09/06/03	9:00am	12/17/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
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Fire Fighter I & II						
09/02/03	8:00am	12/19/03	82	Detroit	Jeffrey McCall	313.237.3170
09/02/03	6:00pm	05/20/04	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
09/04/03	6:30pm	02/21/04	50	Washington	Ronald Orlando	586.986.4539
09/06/03	9:00am	02/21/04	63	Rochester	Paul Strelchuk	248.650.8605
09/08/03	6:30pm	02/21/04	63	Rochester	Paul Strelchuk	248.650.8605
09/18/03	7:00pm	05/08/04	44	Lapeer	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
09/22/03	6:00pm	03/27/04	25	Flint	Gary Bacon	810.577.2931
09/22/03	6:30pm	03/13/04	78	Corunna	Guy Hubbard	517.202.0130
09/22/03	7:00pm	05/08/04	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
09/23/03	9:00am	04/03/04	25	Fenton	Edward Blight	810.655.2395
09/23/03	6:00pm	04/03/04	25	Fenton	Dale Caten	810.750.1979
09/23/03	7:00pm	05/01/04	11	Berrien Springs	Elwood Munson Jr	269.465.3803
09/29/03	7:00pm	04/03/04	63	Troy	James Shank	248.232.4580
10/01/03	6:00pm	04/30/04	41	Kentwood	Mark Smith	616.554.0800
10/02/03	9:00am	03/28/04	58	Monroe	Kenneth Laird	734.789.2332
10/02/03	7:00pm	03/28/04	58	Frenchtown	Phillip Lindenmuth Sr	734.777.0647
10/02/03	6:30pm	03/27/04	70	Zeeland	Michael Larsen	616.836.4243
10/06/03	6:00pm	04/24/04	55	Stephenson	Daniel Hammerberg	906.497.5094
10/06/03	6:30pm	04/03/04	63	Highland	Robert Roselle	248.887.8050
10/07/03	6:00pm	02/14/04	81	Ann Arbor	Andrew Box	734.994.1527
10/09/03	7:00pm	05/08/04	44	Attica	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
10/20/03	9:00am	12/19/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
11/03/03	6:00pm	05/22/04	41	Belmont	Steven McKellar	616.361.2895

DRIVER TRAINING

Driver Training						
10/23/03	7:00pm	10/30/03	34	Lyons	Max Darling	989.855.3859
10/25/03	8:00am	10/26/03	28	Traverse City	Joe Corden	231.943.3473
10/31/03	9:00am	10/31/03	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
12/06/03	8:00am	12/06/03	74	Avoca	Shawn Knight	248.588.3605
12/29/03	7:00pm	01/05/04	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
03/25/04	7:00pm	03/29/04	44	Lapeer	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
04/26/04	6:00pm	04/29/04	41	Belmont	Rick Vanhorn	616.361.2895
05/08/04	8:00am	05/08/04	51	Arcadia	Michael Cederholm	231.946.4593

FIRE OFFICER

Fire Officer 1						
09/18/03	6:00pm	03/11/04	25	Flint	William Miller	810.635.8000
09/20/03	9:00am	03/13/04	25	Goodrich	Robert Elizondo	810.241.1669
09/23/03	6:30pm	02/10/04	50	Clinton Township	Anthony Kowalski	586.498.4056
Fire Officer II						
09/09/03	9:00am	12/16/03	63	Auburn Hills	Gary Pfundt	248.232.4580
09/10/03	7:00pm	12/17/03	63	Auburn Hills	Gary Pfundt	248.232.4580
09/15/03	7:00pm	01/05/04	46	Tecumseh	Terry Massingill	734.529.2117
09/17/03	7:00pm	01/07/04	58	Monroe	Ricky Kleinow	734.777.3608
10/08/03	6:00pm	02/18/04	25	Flint	Dennis Lacey	810.742.2158

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Haz Mat First Responder - Awareness						
10/18/03	8:00am	10/18/03	70	Zeeland	Michael Larsen	616.836.4243
10/25/03	8:00am	10/25/03	38	Jackson	Fred Newton	734.523.4012
10/27/03	8:00am	10/27/03	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
10/27/03	9:00am	10/27/03	63	Auburn Hills	Gary Pfundt	248.232.4580
11/03/03	8:00am	11/03/03	82	Detroit	Jeffrey McCall	313.237.3170
11/06/03	9:00am	11/09/03	58	Monroe	Kenneth Laird	734.789.2332
11/06/03	6:00pm	11/09/03	58	Frenchtown	Phillip Lindenmuth Sr	734.777.0647
11/13/03	6:00pm	11/13/03	74	Avoca	Shawn Knight	248.588.3605
11/17/03	8:30am	11/17/03	33	Lansing	Jeffrey Huber	517.483.1394
11/18/03	9:00am	11/18/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
12/02/03	6:00pm	12/02/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
12/03/03	9:00am	12/03/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
12/04/03	5:00pm	12/04/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
12/06/03	9:00am	12/06/03	63	Troy	James Shank	248.232.4580
12/06/03	8:00am	12/06/03	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
12/08/03	6:00pm	12/08/03	78	Corunna	Guy Hubbard	517.202.0130
12/13/03	8:00am	12/13/03	11	Berrien Springs	Elwood Munson Jr	269.465.3803
12/15/03	6:00pm	12/15/03	55	Stephenson	Daniel Hammerberg	906.497.5094
01/06/04	6:00pm	01/06/04	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
02/12/04	6:00pm	02/12/04	79	Caro	Laurence Boitel	989.673.2120
02/16/04	6:00pm	02/16/04	51	Arcadia	Michael Cederholm	231.946.4593
02/19/04	6:00pm	02/19/04	22	Kingsford	Jeffrey Friedenstab	906.774.0623
02/23/04	6:00pm	02/26/04	44	Lapeer	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
02/28/04	8:00am	02/28/04	41	Kentwood	Mark Smith	616.554.0800
03/01/04	6:00pm	03/01/04	63	Highland	Robert Roselle	248.887.8050

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co.	Location	Course Manager	Phone
03/15/04	7:00am	03/18/04	44	Attica	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
03/22/04	6:00pm	03/22/04	41	Belmont	Steven McKellar	616.361.2895

HazMat First Responder - Operations						
10/15/03	6:30pm	10/29/03	63	Farmington Hills	John Feichtner	248.426.4400
10/28/03	8:00am	10/30/03	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
10/28/03	8:30am	10/30/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
10/28/03	9:00am	10/30/03	63	Auburn Hills	Gary Pfundt	248.232.4580
10/29/03	7:00pm	11/01/03	74	Port Huron	John Jeffries	810.989.5753
11/04/03	8:00am	11/07/03	82	Detroit	Jeffrey McCall	313.237.3170
11/09/03	9:00am	11/20/03	58	Monroe	Kenneth Laird	734.789.2332
11/09/03	9:00am	11/21/03	82	Garden City	Robert Perry	734.462.4745
11/09/03	9:00pm	11/20/03	58	Frenchtown	Phillip Lindenmuth Sr	734.777.0647
11/18/03	8:30am	11/21/03	33	Lansing	Jeffrey Huber	517.483.1394
12/06/03	8:30am	12/13/03	25	Fenton	Dale Caten	810.750.1979
12/06/03	6:00pm	12/13/03	25	Flint	Gary Bacon	810.577.2931
12/08/03	7:00pm	12/20/03	63	Troy	James Shank	248.232.4580
12/11/03	6:30pm	12/21/03	78	Corunna	Guy Hubbard	517.202.0130
01/08/04	6:00pm	01/27/04	50	Clinton Township	Joseph Boldys	586.498.4021
01/31/04	8:00am	02/07/04	11	Berrien Springs	Elwood Munson Jr	269.465.3803
02/02/04	9:00am	02/12/04	63	Rochester	Paul Strelchuk	248.650.8605
02/02/04	6:30pm	02/14/04	63	Rochester	Paul Strelchuk	248.650.8605
02/03/04	6:30pm	02/08/04	50	Washington	Ronald Orlando	586.986.4539
02/09/04	6:00pm	02/21/04	55	Stephenson	Daniel Hammerberg	906.497.5094
02/26/04	7:00pm	04/04/04	44	Lapeer	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
03/02/04	6:30pm	03/20/04	70	Zeeland	Michael Larsen	616.836.4243
03/03/04	6:30pm	03/20/04	63	Highland	Robert Roselle	248.887.8050
03/06/04	8:00am	03/18/04	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
03/18/04	7:00pm	04/04/04	44	Attica	Blaine Howell	810.793.7656
03/20/04	8:00am	04/03/04	41	Kentwood	Mark Smith	616.554.0800
04/05/04	6:00pm	04/22/04	41	Belmont	Steven McKellar	616.361.2895

Incident Command System						
10/16/03	6:00pm	10/23/03	56	Edenville	Richard Ripke	989.689.4637
10/18/03	8:00am	10/19/03	78	Corunna	Guy Hubbard	517.202.0130
10/27/03	6:00pm	11/01/03	03	Allegan	Brian Goss	616.456.3900
03/25/04	6:00pm	04/01/04	41	Belmont	Steven McKellar	616.361.2895

Clandestine Drug Lab - Awareness						
10/15/03	8:00am	10/16/03	82	Detroit	Jeffrey McCall	313.237.3170
10/20/03	6:00pm	10/20/03	44	Almont	Paul Wilcox	810.798.811

HEALTH/SAFETY

Fire Fighter Health & Safety						
10/17/03	6:00pm	10/18/03	74	Port Huron	John Jeffries	810.989.5753
10/18/03	8:00am	10/19/03	33	Okemos	David Harper	517.347.5055

Health & Safety Officer						
11/07/03	6:00pm	11/08/03	41	Belmont	David Purchase	231.780.2500
12/03/03	8:00am	12/09/03	33	Lansing	Timothy James	517.483.4547
12/04/03	8:00am	12/10/03	33	Lansing	Timothy James	517.483.4547
12/05/03	6:00pm	12/06/03	67	Leroy	David Purchase	231.780.2500

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

Educational Methodology						
11/03/03	9:00am	11/04/03	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4745
MFUTC Instructor Orientation						
10/18/03	8:00am	10/18/03	53	Ludington	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
10/25/03	7:30am	10/25/03	69	Gaylord	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
11/07/03	9:00am	11/07/03	82	Garden City	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
11/08/03	8:00am	11/08/03	23	Charlotte	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
12/06/03	8:30am	12/06/03	52	Marquette	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
01/17/04	8:00am	01/17/04	41	Grand Rapids	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
02/14/04	8:00am	02/14/04	23	Diamondale	Michael Greis	517.322.3461
03/24/04	6:00pm	03/24/04	37	Mt. Pleasant	Michael Greis	517.322.3461

MANAGER/SUPERVISOR DEVELOPMENT

Leadership I						
10/16/03	9:00am	10/17/03	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4745
10/17/03	6:00pm	10/18/03	67	Leroy	David Purchase	231.780.2500
11/07/03	6:00pm	11/08/03	74	Port Huron	John Jeffries	810.989.5753
11/28/03	6:00pm	11/29/03	41	Belmont	David Purchase	231.780.2500

Start Date	Time	End Date	Co	Location	Course Manager	Phone
RESCUE						
Vehicle Extrication						
10/25/03	8:00am	10/26/03	70	Zeeland	David Purchase	231.780.2500
11/08/03	8:00am	11/09/03	61	Whitehall	David Purchase	231.780.2500
01/15/04	7:00pm	01/31/04	80	South Haven	Patricia Quinn	269.764.3226
Advanced Vehicle Stabilization						
10/21/03	4:00pm	10/21/03	81	Ann Arbor	Eric Ericson	734.741.5900
TERRORISM						
Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: TC-HazMat						
10/16/03	8:30am	10/17/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: TC-EMS						
01/17/04	8:00am	01/18/04	22	Iron Mountain	Jeffrey Friedenstab	906.774.0623
Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: TC-CO						
11/06/03	8:30am	11/07/03	82	Taylor	Lawrence Morabito	734.374.3213
Emerg. Resp. To Terrorism: SCCO						
11/05/03	9:00am	11/06/03	82	Garden City	John Smilnak	734.462.4745
12/13/03	08:00am	12/14/03	22	Iron Mountain	Jeffrey Friedenstab	906.774.0623

Michigan Hazardous Materials Training Center Training Advisory

Applications are now being accepted for the following courses for **November 2003**. Please contact the Michigan State Police, Hazardous Materials Training Center, for further information at 517.322.1190.

Course Name	Dates	Cost
CBRNE/WMD Awareness for Business and Industry	Nov 4	\$125
Hazmat Branch and Branch Safety Officer	Nov 5-7	\$295
Chemistry Refresher	Nov 12	\$175
Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents EPA 165.15	Nov 17-21	\$495

NOTE: A current list of MFFTC Registered Training is also available at www.mfftc.org and is updated weekly.

MFFTC INSTRUCTOR ALERT

To maintain certified instructor status, a certified instructor must teach in an MFFTC registered course or serve as a FFI and/or II test evaluator within the previous three (3) year period or he or she shall be placed on probationary instructor status.

EXEMPTION: A certified instructor who teaches only within his or her department; or a certified instructor in a large department who may no longer instruct but is the Officer in Charge of Training, may be exempted from the requirements as stated in the above paragraph.

For a certified instructor who is

a fire department member to be considered for the exemption described above, he or she must notify the MFFTC of his or her position title and instructional activity for the 12 month period ending the previous September 30, 2003. This information must be submitted on MFFTC Form, FMD-257 (*available on the MFFTC Web Site, mfftc.org*) and signed by the certified instructor and his or her fire chief or designee.

The request form (FMD-257) is due annually and must be received or postmarked no later than December 31.

You may mail or fax the completed FMD-257 Form to the MFFTC Lansing Office:
Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council, Attention: Testing and Certification Sub-Unit, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing, MI 48913.

Any questions, please contact your Region Supervisor.

FMD Retirements

before being promoted in 1994 to Sergeant at the Gaylord Post. He transferred into the Fire Marshal Division at Fifth District Headquarters in Paw Paw in 1996, transferring to the Niles Post in 1998, where he served until his retirement.

During his career with the MSP, Jim received two citations for Professional Excellence. He was a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators, including the Michigan Chapter, and certified as a Fire Safety Inspector through the

Michigan Fire Inspectors' Society. Jim was an instructor in various arenas and served as an expert witness in several counties for arson cases.

In addition to being a board member on a number of local organizations that promote fire safety education and awareness, Jim has provided years of training to the fire service. He plans to remain active with the Berrien County Firefighters Association and PSEP (Little Squirt).

Jim currently resides in Niles with his wife of 25 years, Diana,

and their three children, Jenifer, Patrick, and Kevin. Upon retirement, Jim plans to work in the private sector as a fire investigator. "I have truly enjoyed working with the fire service throughout the years," Jim said, "and I look forward to continuing my work with them in the future."

The Fire Marshal Division wishes Jim and Diana all the best in the future.

NFIRS/Non-Reporting Departments Cont.

<u>County</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Year Last Reported</u>
Leelanau	Lake Leelanau VFD	1998
	Suttons Bay-Bingham FD	1999
Lenawee	Clinton FD	2001
	Palmyra Township FD	2001
	Riga Township FD	1999
Livingston	Putnam Township FD	2001
Manistee	Norman Township FD	1998
Mecosta	Chippewa-Martiny FD	2000
Menominee	Harris Township VFD	2000
Muskegon	Moorland Township FD	2000
Moorland Township FD	Greenland Township FD	2000
	Bruce Crossing VFD	2001
Otsego	Vanderbilt FD	1999
Ottawa	Coopersville-Polkton FD	2000
Presque Isle	Onaway FD	1998
	Ocqueoc-Bearinger FD	1999
Roscommon	AuSable Township FD	1998
Saginaw	Zilwaukee City FD	1998
	Marion Township FD	1998
Saint Clair	Brockway Township FD	2001
	Yale FD	1998
Sanilac	Applegate FD	1998
	Speaker Township FD	2000
Tuscola	Richville FD	2000
Wayne	Ecorse FD	2000
	Highland Park DPS	1998
Wexford	Selma Township FD	2000

The Michigan Fire Prevention Code, Act 207, P.A. 1941 mandates that all organized fire departments in the state report their fire and haz mat incidents to the state fire marshal.

Please direct all questions to Mary Nemeth, NFIRS State Program Administrator at nemethm@michigan.gov or 517-322-1939.

Detroit Fire Department Annual Breakfast

The Detroit Fire Department, in conjunction with the Safety Council of Michigan and the Breakfast Committee, cordially invites you to support the **40th Annual Breakfast with the Detroit Fire Department** on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, 7:30-9:00 a.m. This event will take place in the Riverview Ballroom on the Main Level, Room W1-52,

of the Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, One Washington Boulevard (at Jefferson Avenue), Detroit, Michigan. The breakfast buffet will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start at 7:45 a.m.

During the program, members of the Detroit Fire Department will be honored for their acts of heroism performed in the line of duty.

If you would like to attend or sponsor a table, please contact Chief Lee Moore, Detroit Fire Department, at 313.596.2957, or Edward G. Ratzenberger, Safety Council of Southeast Michigan, at 248.557.7010.

For Sale

1979 Ford/Ward F800 Midi-Pumper, 750GPM pump with 750 gal. aluminum tank; V-8 gas engine, prep-piped/portable deluge gun, new code 3 lights & siren; VHF radio, hard/soft suction, new wheels and tract tires on rear. Very dependable, good condition. \$10,000 or BO. Contact Tamarack City VFD @ 906.296.0434 or at sfklein@chartermi.net.

1981 GMC 7000 Howe-Grummen Waterous Fire Truck, CSWB 1000 GPM side panel pump, 750 gal water tank, 7.0 liter V8 gas engine, auto transmission, power steering/brakes. All warning lights included; light bar with speaker front, side and rear flashers; rear high-mounted strobes; Federal Q siren, 35' extension ladder; 14' roof ladder, 10' folding attic ladder, 10' wooden pike pole; top mounted deck gun-1000 gpm select-o-matic

nozzle; gated intake valves; one pick head and one flad head axe; ladder 10' wooden pike pole assorted appliances and attack hose included. \$16,500. For more information, test run, and maintenance records, please contact Georgetown Twp Fire Chief Jason Ling @ 616.662.2130 or Jason.ling@gtwp.com.

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OCTOBER

- 1 **MI Fire Fighters Training Council**, 9:00 a.m. work session, 10:00 a.m. business meeting, General Office Building, Lansing
- 5-11 **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**
- 7 **MI Arson Prevention Committee**, Executive Committee, Brighton House, Brighton
- 16 **MI Fire Service EXPO Committee**, 8:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm B, Lansing
- 16 **MI Joint Fire Service Council**, 10:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
- 23-26 **MI Association of Fire Chiefs/MI Fire Service Instructors Association** Fall Conference, Treetops Resort, Gaylord
- 29 **Southeastern MI Association of Fire Chiefs**, 10:00 a.m., Executive Board, Troy

NOVEMBER

- 5 **MI Fire Service Instructors Association**, Executive Board, 11:00 a.m., Mt. Pleasant
- 11 **Metro Detroit Fire Inspectors**, Location TBA
- 20 **Northern MI Fire Chiefs Association**, Executive Board, Location TBA
- 26 **Southeastern MI Association of Fire Chiefs**, 10:00 a.m., Executive Board, Troy
- 26 **Western MI Association of Fire Chiefs**, Executive Board, South Haven

DECEMBER

- 4 **MI Fire Service EXPO Committee**, 8:30 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm B, Lansing
- 4 **MI Joint Fire Service Council**, 10:00 a.m., General Office Building, Conf. Rm. B, Lansing
- 10 **MI Fire Fighters Training Council**, 9:00 a.m. work session, 10:00 a.m. business meeting, General Office Building, Lansing

To submit activities for this calendar, call Monica Jenkins at 517.322.1681 Fax 517.322.2908 or jenkinsms@michigan.gov

“Quote of the Month”

“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.”

—George Bernard Shaw

If you would like to share your favorite quote, please send it to Monica Jenkins and include the author if known.